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SUBJ: GROWING PAINS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS' CENTER (ICC) BAGHDAD

REF: (A) 1975 STATE OM APRIL 22, (B) 1975 STATE A-5994

1. ICC CURRENTLY SUFFERING GROWING PAINS DUE MAINLY TO ECONOMIC BOOM WHICH BRINGING HUFDRS OF FOREIGN FAMILIES TO BAGHDAD. ENROLLMENT HAS GROWN FROM 60 TO 224 IN TWO YEARS. SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE HAS NOT GROWN APACE AND SCHOOL BOARD FINDS ITSELF SWAMPED BY HOST OF DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS: LATEST BEING THREAT OF ALMOST ALL TEACHERS TO RESIGN IF DEMANDS FOR INCREASED WAGES ARE NOT MET BY FEBRUARY FIFTH.

2. FYI: ICC CURRENTLY OPERATES WITH NO RPT NO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, BY-LAWS, BANK ACCOUNT AND HAS DONE LITTLE FORWARD FISCAL PLANNING FOR THE DEMANDS IT WILL INEVITABLY FACE AS HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN FAMILIES POUR INTO IRAQ IN SUPPORT OF MAJOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. BOARD MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM NUMBER OF NATIONS, LACK COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR THINKING ABOUT SCHOOL'S PROBLEMS. ALL TEACHERS AND STAFF ARE LOCALLY HIRED. PRINCIPAL IS NOT PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED BY U.S. STANDARDS.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: THESE PROBLEMS WILL PERSIST AND GROW MORE ACUTE UNTIL ICC IS RESTRUCTURED ALONG MORE APPROPRIATE AND SOPHISTICATED LINES. USINT DETERMINED TO ENCOURAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOVE IN DIRECTION AND URGENTLY REQUESTS FOLLOWING MATERIALS FROM DEPARTMENT:

A) SEND USINT DUPLICATE COPIES OF TYPICAL ARTICLES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSOCIATION AND BY-LAWS FORWARDED WITH REF. A. FYI: THESE

DOCUMENTS WERE PASSED TO ICC PRINCIPAL IN MAY 1975, FOR
HER CONSIDERATION AND PRESENTATION TO BOARD WITH RECOMMEN-
DATIONS. ON FEBRUARY 2ND, 1976, HOWEVER, PRINCIPAL INFORMED USINTOFF
THAT NEITHER SHE NOR BOARDPXAD HAD TIME TO CONSIDER MATERIALS.
USINT WILL TRY ASSURE THAT THESE MATERIALS ARE USED.
B) AT SAME TIME: WONDER IF STATE, HEW, USDA, DOD OR SOME
AMERICAN OR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS ABROAD, OR SOME ASSOCIATIONS
OF AMERICAN PRIVATE SCHOOLS MAY NOT HAVE PRODUCED SOME
DETAILED "DO-IT-YOURSELF" MANUALS ON HOW TO ORGANIZE A
QCHOOOL, RUN A BOARD MEETING, DEVELOP A MODERN SALARY SCALE
FOR STAFF, INCLUDING ALSO POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR STANDARD
SCHOOL OFFICIAMU (PRINCIPAL, BURSAR), ETC. IF SO, PLEASE
SEND AIRPOUCH.

4. BELIEVE WOULD BE USEFUL FOR A/OS OFFICER VISIT BAGHDAD
IN NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS IF POSSIBLE TO ACQUAINT SELF
WITH ICC AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.
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